



## Suggested Reading for Kids Entering 6th Grade

\* Try other books by this author or in this series.

### Fiction

- +Applegate, Katherine.\* ***The One and Only Ivan***. A gorilla and a baby elephant make friends.
- +Bradley, Kimberly.\* ***Jefferson's Sons***. Their mother was a slave at Monticello.
- +Cottrell Boyce, Frank.\* ***Cosmic***. Mistaken for an adult, Liam finds himself in a rocket ship.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul.\* ***The Mighty Miss Malone***. Deza's family sticks together to survive the Great Depression.
- +Flores-Galbis, Enrique. ***90 Miles To Havana***. In 1961, Julian leaves his family behind in Cuba.
- Frederick, Heather Vogel.\* ***The Mother-Daughter Book Club***. Sixth graders ask, "What would Jo March do?"
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***The Last Musketeer***. On a trip to Paris, Greg's parents disappear from the 21st century.
- +Hiaasen, Carl.\*(YA) ***Chomp***. A TV reality show "Expedition Survival" comes to the Everglades.
- +Konigsburg, E.L.\* ***From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler***. Perfect student Claudia runs away from home and settles in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- Lin, Grace.\* ***Dumpling Days***. Pacy and her family return to Taiwan for Grandma's 60th birthday.
- +Lowry, Lois.\* (YA) ***Son***. The long-awaited conclusion to *The Giver* quartet.
- +Lupica, Mike.\* ***True Legend***. True Robinson is destined for point guard greatness in the NBA.
- +Meloy, Maile. ***The Apothecary***. Janie is swept up in a race to save the world from nuclear war.
- Patterson, James.\* ***Middle School: the Worst Years of My Life***. Rafe decides to break every rule in the school's Code of Conduct!
- +Shahan, Sherry. ***Ice Island***. Tatum dreams of competing in the Iditarod, a 1,049-mile dogsled race.
- +Tolan, Stephanie.\* ***The Applewhites at Wit's End***. The kooky Applewhites open a camp for gifted children.
- +Wolitzer, Meg.\* ***The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman***. 12-year-olds attend a Scrabble tournament.

### Non Fiction

- +J 001.9 Murphy.\* ***Stuff that Scares Your Pants Off! The Science Scoop on more than 30 Terrifying Phenomena!*** Solid science and hilarious writing.
- J 297 Barnard.\* ***The Genius of Islam: How Muslims Made the Modern World***. A history of Islamic civilization and culture.
- J323.1196 Osborne.\* ***Miles to Go for Freedom: Segregation and Civil Rights in the Jim Crow Years***. First-person accounts of how it was to live with racial segregation.
- +J327.12 Janeczko. ***Dark Game: True Spy Stories***. Tales of low-tech and high-tech espionage.
- J636.7 TOP. ***Top Dog: Choose the Perfect Breed for You***. Describes more than 420 dogs.
- +J 796.357 Greenberg. ***Hammerin' Hank Greenberg: Baseball Pioneer***. He battled anti-Semitism both on and off the baseball field.
- +J 940.4 Murphy.\* ***Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting***. The Christmas truce of 1914 on the Western Front.
- +J 950 Galloway.\* ***Adventures on the Ancient Silk Road***. Three explorers follow this ancient route from East to West.
- +J 973.7 Swanson. ***Chasing Lincoln's Killer***. The escape and search for John Wilkes Booth.
- +J 974.71 Marrin.\* ***Flesh and Blood so Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy***. A factory disaster in 1911.



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